

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ALBANY DIVISION
AT ALBANY, GEORGIA



MINUTE SHEET PRETRIAL CONFERENCE

Date: December 10, 2018

Court Time for MJSTAR:/JS10: 1/28

Judge: **LESLIE J. ABRAMS**

Court Reporter: Mindy Martin

Courtroom Deputy: Felicia Rushing

Law Clerk: Evan Dunn

Case Number: 1:18-cr-28(LJA)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AUSA: Leah E McEwen

v.

OCTAVIOUS STITT, *et al.*

Counsel: John Gee Edwards
Brian Steel
Oliver R Register
Nicole Williams
Michelle Gentry Sandler

Agents:/Experts in Attendance:

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- 2:16 Case called. Parties identified. Preliminary remarks by the Court.
Discussion re: pretrial diversion for defendants McGee and S. Williams.
Ms. Sandler **WITHDREW** motion (Doc. 138).
- 2:19 Discussion re: pending motions for defendant McGriff.
Mr. Edwards **WITHDREW** motions (Docs. 97, 98 & 101).
The Court made findings and **DENIED** motions (Docs. 99, 102, 104 & 106) and **GRANTED** motion (Doc. 100). The Court **GRANTED in part** and **DENIED in part** motion (Doc. 103).
The parties proceed on motions (Docs. 96 & 135).
- 2:31 Witness Annie Lee Brown called. Witness sworn. Mr. Edwards direct examination.
- 2:35 Defendant's Exhibits 1A & 1B admitted. Direct examination continued.
- 2:26 Defendant's Exhibit 2 admitted. Direct examination continued.
- 2:38 Defendant's Exhibits 3 & 4 admitted. Direct examination continued.
- 2:41 AUSA McEwen cross examination.
- 2:47 Mr. Edwards objection. The Court overruled. Cross examination continued.
Mr. Edwards redirect examination.
- 2:50 AUSA McEwen recross examination.
- 2:55 Mr. Edwards redirect examination.

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2:56 Witness excused. Witness Gregory McGriff called. Witness sworn. Mr. Edwards direct examination.

2:59 AUSA McEwen cross examination.

3:05 Recessed.

3:30 Resumed.
Discussion re: pretrial diversion for defendants McGee, Cooper & S. Williams.
The parties agreed to pretrial diversion and will submit notices to the Court.
The Court suspended trial for defendants McGee, Cooper & S. Williams pending pretrial diversion. Upon filing of the pretrial diversion notices, cases for these defendants will be closed and all deadlines terminated.

3:32 Defendants McGee, Cooper & S. Williams and counsel excused.
Cross examination continued.

3:33 Mr. Edwards objection. The Court sustained. Cross examination continued.

3:35 Mr. Edwards redirect examination. AUSA McEwen objection. The Court sustained. Redirect continued.

3:38 Witness excused. Counsel made arguments.

3:46 The Court made findings and **DENIED in part** motion (Doc. 135).

3:52 The parties proceed on remaining issue. Discussion re: government's exhibits and witness.

3:53 Witness Dewayne Pearson called. Witness sworn. AUSA McEwen direct examination.

3:57 Mr. Edwards objection. The Court overruled. Direct examination continued.

4:01 Government's Exhibits 1 & 2 admitted.

4:04 Mr. Edwards cross examination.

4:07 Witness excused. The Court took remaining issue under advisement.

4:09 Recessed.

5:03 Resumed. Trial scheduled for December 17, 2018.
The Court reviewed trial procedures and voir dire questions.
Trial length expected 2 days.

5:19 Concluded.